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## Town Council Vacancies Filled By Acclamation

Monday was nomination day for many, two councillors and three school trustees.

Mayor Stelmetsier and Councillors R. C. Hunter and M. Murray were re-elected to their former positions. There were no other nominations and as all seats on the council are filled there was no election.

There were no nominations to fill the three positions vacant on the school board so another nomination day will have to be set.

## Urged to Grow Some Flax This Year

Agricultural experts contend acreage in flax growing could increase at least some of their intended acreage this spring to flax, in order to diversify production and in addition to take advantage of any change in the flax supply situation this year.

Diversified production of crops suitable for the land under cultivation often gives a grower an advantage over other farmers who follow prevailing acreage trends. There are several seasons on record where conditions have been unfavorable for wheat and other cereals crops, but satisfactory as far as flax production is concerned. Increased yields of some crops can make up for lowered returns from others.

It should be noted also that with recommended and tested variety and new methods of culture, most of the risks connected with growing flax have been removed. The judicious use of weed killers has made a constructive contribution in increasing yields which on the prairie have risen from six bushels an acre in 1948 to over nine bushels an acre in 1948.

The world flax supply situation is worthy of study before making decisions on flax acreage. It is true that substantial supplies are available for export in two leading producing countries, the United States and Canada. On the other hand, in Argentina, another major flax producer, the flax crop this season has been sharply reduced by drought and frost.

It should be noted the United States consumes large quantities of essential commodity and a poor crop season in that country this year would result in heavy demands on any supplies.

It is felt by the flax improvement committee that farmers who have given close study to the growing of flax should be urged to grow more acreage this spring. This would conform to the approved policy in the United States, where it has been found that experienced flax growers steadily increased yields and cash returns by adopting modern methods of cultivation and the use of recommended varieties.

## Alberta History

**BY SENATOR GENSIAW**

The early history of Alberta is full of romance but all the pathfinders of the plains there it seems more worthy of remembrance than John McLaughlin. His forefathers were big leaders, warriors and men of strong policy. His father was a missionary whose work took him from Norway House to the Rocky Mountains and finally to his death in a blizzard near Calgary.

John was born among the Indians. He knew their language better than own. He learned to hunt, trap, hunt and fish with them and was trusted by young and old. Even a boy John was the companion of his father on the long mission trips along the rivers and lakes and through the dense scrub of the wild areas.

In winter he took his place in the wood choppers camp. His earnings were 50 cents per day. Part of his pay went to buy a shirt for his mother and the remainder went to the missionary fund.

When he was eighteen years of age he was appointed a school master without salary. He excelled in his home group among without any money. He had 80 pupils who came

The scene is set in the CBC's Toronto studios for another broadcast of "They Tell me, and just before the producer signals 'go', commentator Claire Wallace and musician Edward Glover discuss some last minute

script details. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:45 Claire tells Edward about all the interesting people who sit around in her search for human interest stories.

## Town & District

R. S. McQueen returned last week from his trip to California and points south of there.

The Gleichen branch of the Canadian Legion are going to stage a big dance on St. Patrick's Day, 17 of March.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Patton of Calgary were the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Desjardes to celebrate Mr. Patton's birthday.

The Legion sent three links to Drumheller last week to check Legion members there. The result was two links shipped by S. Hamilton and L. Evans and H. Bogie last week. The boys report having had a great time in the city.

Gleichen will soon be known as the dog town of Alberta judging by the number of dogs about town. The dogs from the reserve move into town and give birth to litter of pups soon these pups are scavenging about town and they look so cute the boys and girls take one or two home for pets. Consequently the dog population is increasing by leaps and bounds. This year the town's revenue should be up quite a bit when license for all these pets are paid for.

Four Gleichen girls began Monday morning. The four links consist of the first named as skip: Tom Severn, J. Wilson, W. Schmitt and A. Johnson. H. James, E. Bollinger, J. Kennell and H. Warner. Bob Brown, G. Becker, B. Davern and Leo Volger, H. Beggs, J. Neilson, F. Fiddes and G. Murdoch. Before leaving for the school Sunday morning Leo Woods was around trying to sell frigidaire at \$200 telling prospective customers that if they waited until the end of this week the price would be \$400.

Accidents caused by fuging of truck and car windshields and scooters, can now be prevented by the use of a soft, absorbent cotton cloth treated with a special chemical solution. One wiping will keep the glass clear for hours. The anti-fogging solution used in the cloth consists of a synthetic detergent, tannic acid, glycerine, water and dye. The cloth now used is used indefinitely.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**  
Sunday Feb. 27th.  
Sunday School 11 a.m.  
Morning prayer 11 a.m.  
Rev. A. D. Pringle, R.A., B.D. (Incumbent.)

Mr. W. Gordon was elected to the Eldership at the United Church service at Calgary last Sunday and he will be duly installed in the office next Sunday afternoon.

**Lessons from Nathan the Prophet**  
The parable of the poor man's lamb and the rich man's friend will be stressed at United Church services in this field Sunday February 27th.

The Rev. A. D. Pringle and the lay representative Mr. Mr. Bollinger, are delegates at South Canadian United Church, Tuesday Feb. 22nd, at Young Peoples Union meets at the Bank rooms as guest of Mr. Morgan at 8:45 next Sunday evening.

Statistics show women's life expectancy at birth is 60 years; men's 61; of men of 18 and 10 years respectively since the beginning of the century.

## Local High School Stage Very Successful 'Spell'

The local high school ending high staged a one day bonspiel last Saturday. Play started at 8:30 a.m. and was finished at 9:30 that evening. The final game for the Merchants prize was played Monday afternoon.

Twelve rinks were entered. Two from Bassano, two from Strathmore and eight from Gleichen. Gleichen won the grand challenge. This rink consisted of Miss Doyle, Gerald Barstad and Leona McGoisick. 2nd prize went to Bassano with Kenay Lowndell skip and Betty Ann Reuber, Doug Redmond and Joan Harris on the rink.

3rd prize to Gleichen with Nell Pringle as skip, Georgina Samson, Gordon Warner and Cheryl Cosman. 4th prize to Gleichen, S. George Cameron's rink consisting of M. Midgley, R. Saave and A. Kilrup.

5th in the merchants went to G. Cameron's rink. 2nd to B. Blaney's rink consisting of Mrs. Bellars, Bud Davies and B. Anderson 3rd to B. McKendrick's rink. 4th to C. McLean of Bassano rink consisting of J. Cheylik, Bill Beeder and Frankie Moleb.

At the conclusion of play Saturday evening all the rinks were entertained to a party in the Legion Hall.

The eight Gleichen rinks were skated by Bill Blaney, Bill Mayfield, Keith Hutton, G. Cameron A. Mathison, L. Plante, Neil Pringle and Bruce McKennie.

**EXPERIMENTAL  
FARM NOTES**

Changes which have taken place in the turkey industry in western Canada in recent years have resulted in considerable interest being taken in the production of commercial turk-hatching eggs. This is a phase of the industry which is new to prairie raisers and which presents many new problems.

The commercial hatching and sale of turkeys requires that at least a portion of the hatching eggs be produced much earlier in the season than has been the practice in past years. Where the turkey season egg production is contemplated it will be necessary to give special attention to the factors as housing artificial lighting and proper nutrition of the turkey hens.

Comfortable housing of the turkey hens is of course a concern where they are to be brought into laying in February. There is some evidence to indicate that fertility may be impaired by low temperatures in the laying pens at mating time. Buildings which provide uniform moderate temperatures are recommended. Where birds are to be totally confined they should be allowed ten square feet per bird including the males.

Early out of season egg production is only possible where the hens are placed under artificial lights. Any white light such as gas or coal oil must justify lantern or electric light, but just as long as the length of day can be extended to thirteen or fourteen hours or longer. Research has demonstrated that the hens require two weeks longer to become fertile than do the hens in the reason it is advisable to put the hens under lights fourteen days in advance of the hens.

The length of time required to bring hens into production will depend upon how long in advance of the normal season they are lighted. It generally requires from three to five weeks. Possible fire hazards should be guarded against carefully.

It has been clearly shown that the diet fed to a turkey hen has a very great bearing upon the ability of her eggs to hatch and her pullets to live after hatching. It takes from four to six weeks for the hen to prepare for laying. This is an important period. The laying ration should contain all the ingredients necessary to produce eggs that will hatch and pullets that will live. Special turkey poultry concentrates are available to be mixed with home-grown ground grain or a chicken hatching mass can be

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# PASSING OF A TRUE PIONEER

In the recent death of Charles Clark, founder and editor of The High River Times, Alberta, since 1905, the West again has lost one, who like many of the pioneer editors, gave their best to the building up of our Western provinces. Those of the younger generation should endeavour to attain the high quality of such men as Charles Clark, to assure that our provinces are kept on the foundation that they were built on. We stand at attention in honor of a true pioneer who has written "thirty" to this life.

## Controlling Disease

IN MEDICAL RESEARCH spectacular discoveries are not frequent. However, there has been steady progress during the years since work was started in this field, and earnest and painstaking labor, combined with the vision and imagination of research workers lie behind each successful milestone which is passed in the long struggle to overcome disease. Vaccination, inoculation, anaesthetics, antiseptics, and insulin are among a few of the great achievements of medical research which have been of untold benefit to humanity. Through vaccination smallpox has been overcome, through inoculation diphtheria, which used to be a deadly foe of childhood, has been practically conquered, and through insulin diabetes, which also formerly took a heavy toll of human life, has been brought under control. Likewise pneumonia, which used to be fatal in many cases has been rendered less deadly by the use of drugs which have been discovered in recent years.

### Many Brought Under Control

While a number of diseases have been conquered, work is still going on to combat those which continue to threaten the welfare of humanity. The incidence is well known to now being made to control spread and destructive disease. It is encouraging to hear, however, that a drug has been found which is believed to be effective in curing tuberculosis. The recent announcement that the drug, known as dihydrostreptomycin, has been used successfully in treating certain forms of the disease, has given encouragement to those who have been fighting it. Canada has been very progressive in providing care for victims of tuberculosis and in enforcing measures to control it.

### Annual Toll Very High

The disease, however, is still widespread and takes a large toll of lives each year throughout the world. Recently the World Health Organization reported that between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000 people die from it each year. It has been particularly serious in Europe since the war, mainly because of the disruption of normal living conditions generally in many parts of that continent having resulted in the infection of many thousands of people. If the new drug which has been discovered to be effective in curing tuberculosis, it will be of great benefit to mankind at this time, and it will mark another important milestone in the long and difficult struggle which medical research workers are continuously carrying on against sickness and disease.

### Gas Line To Coast City Disclosed

CALGARY—Details of a proposed pipeline to transport natural gas from the Peace River district to Vancouver were disclosed here. Frank McMahon of Calgary, representing the Peace River Natural Gas Company Limited and associated oil companies said the group was willing to construct and operate an 800-mile natural gas pipeline from northern Alberta and northern British Columbia to Vancouver at a cost of \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000. The line would be built if sufficient gas reserves were proven.

### South with MINARD'S LINIMENT

Little Time Spent  
During his entire reign of 10 years, when the Lion Hearted spent little more than six months in England, his native land, his wife, Berengaria, and his son, Richard, in the country of which he was queen. Richard reigned from 1189 to 1199.

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## New Life Stirring In Oil Centre

(By Ken Kelly, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LLOYDMINSTER, Sask.—New life is stirring in this oil centre on the Alberta-Saskatchewan border where no producing well ever was drilled dry.

Oilmen expect rich returns from the 25-square-mile field for two reasons: The west is becoming road-conscious and oil companies are looking for new markets for Lloydminster's heavy crude.

Lloydminster oil is a thick, black asphalt-like molten tar, little gasoline or high-grade petroleum products so companies looking for quick returns on costly outlays have paid more attention to other areas.

But, with provincial governments in Saskatchewan and Manitoba starting road-building programs, Lloydminster crude soon may be in greater demand than ever before. Asphalt, the road-maker's basic material, is easily made from heavy crude.

Another reason is the hope that a Trans-Canada highway will open a vast market for Lloydminster materials, particularly asphalt.

A second refinery—now nearly at full production—plans to seek markets for its heavy oil in Western Canada. Natural gas has been the lifeblood of many western cities but often they have a good outlet for fuel oil as well.

The Canadian Pacific Railway announced recently it planned to construct 100 steam locomotives to burn oil instead of coal, and the company will use oil from western Canadian fields.

Another natural market for bunker oil is Vancouver. Many oil-burning ships stop there to take on fuel.

## FUNNY And OTHERWISE

And then there was the woman who asked her husband, at the start of a bridge game: "George, am I supposed to kick you twice or three times a turn?"

"I advertised that the poor would be welcome in this church," said the minister, "and after inspecting that collection, I see that they have come."

"John, I hope I didn't see you smiling at that girl."

"I hope you didn't, my dear."

"Lady," said the policeman, who had mentioned her to stop, "how long do you expect to be out?"

"What do you mean by that question?" she demanded indignantly.

"Well," he replied sarcastically, "there are a couple of thousand other motorists who would like to use the street after you got through with it."

Down South, a colored man with a badly slashed face entered a doctor's office.

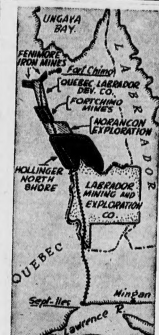
"Hello, Tom," the doctor greeted him. "Got cut up again?"

"Yassuh," the doctor replied. "Many of your boys got carved with a razor."

"The new-rich American was negotiating for the purchase of an old ancestral home in England."

"I'd like to point out," said the agent, "that there are two very old stained glass windows in this house you are buying."

"That's all right, buddy," said the American. "If they're stained too, I can have a couple new ones put in."



## PLENTY OF IRON HERE

J. A. Ratty knows about the iron ore field that any other man in the new Quebec-Labrador area. It causes him acute discomfort to hear people speak of iron ore there. "That's only what sticks above the surface," he protested. "We don't know what's covered with overburden. Probably billions of tons. A map of the district is pictured above."

## Wolf Packs Killing North's Wild Game

EDMONTON, Alta. — Muzzling wolf packs, having killed off much of the wild game in the northern wilderness areas in search of food.

This was learned recently from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta foresters gathered here for a three-day conference.

The rangers explained that the wolves had thrived over the past years on big game, and their numbers increased while the game population went down.

Hunger finally forced the wolf packs to venture north and sheep, cows, pigs, horses and dogs fell victim to them.

Belted kept rifles close at hand at night, the rangers said they rushed to the defence of their livestock. In recent weeks, the hunger-driven wolves have come within a few hundred feet of homes to kill livestock.

## THRILLS OF the ROARIN' GAME

By Bill Hill in Vancouver Province  
Outing for championships is a pretty serious business for those taking part in provincial bantam hockey. In fact, provincial champion Frank Avery is inclined to doubt the theory that he is a champion you must train and be in the peak of condition.

Avery may be quite training a long time ago. As long as 12 months ago, as a matter of fact.

The provincial bantam hockey championship in the Macdonald's Brier championship was held at Nelson last year about this time. Avery had been on, or who had shipped 46, decided he wanted to win the title.

On paper, the outfit looked good. "We landed in Nelson and we really were not drunk anything stronger, but butternut."

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## DISCOLORED HOME

## CANNED FOODS

Home canned fruits and vegetables which have become discolored are a problem to many housewives who wonder whether they are safe to eat. There are several causes for discoloration: a bad spoilage, Mrs. Vera

Macdonald, supervisor of the Alberta Department of Agriculture's Home Economics Division, says that fruits and vegetables may darken as the top of jars from air in the jars. They may also darken from too little or too much heat during canning. Canned pears, apples, and peaches, sometimes take on pink or blue tints from chem-

ical changes in their coloring or from too slow cooling after canning. Iron, or copper, in cooking utensils or in water, may cause brown, black, or grey colors in canned foods. Highly colored foods like beets or raspberries may fade when canned in plain tin. Mrs. Macdonald advises that such color changes are not harmful,

although the food may be less appetizing.

If, however, foods show any sign of mold along with discoloration, destroy the foods without tasting. Signs of spoilage are: leakage, swelling of jar tops or tins, a spurt of gas when the can is opened, or mold at the top of jars. Mold in acid products such as fruits is usually not harmful although it affects the flavor of food, and may cut the acidity so that dangerous bacteria organisms can grow. Any canned food that shows signs of spoilage should be carefully disposed of where it cannot be eaten by animals.

Home canned vegetables especially should be suspected. If they show the slightest sign of spoilage. Unfortunately as it is to have to waste canned food, it does not pay to take chances on food that may be harmful.

"What were poor Jim's last words?" He said, "This tastes like the real stuff."



### Germination Tests Are Important

The purpose of this report is to emphasize the importance of germination tests. Line Elevators Farm Service has just completed germination tests on 4,470 farmers' samples of wheat, oat, barley and flax seed from all over Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The results, showing the percentage of samples tested in which the germination was below 71 per cent, are given in the accompanying table.

Percentage of Samples Germinating Below 71%			
Crop	Manitoba	Sask.	Alberta
Wheat	10.9	1.9	4.8
Oats	0.0	9.3	39.4
Barley	0.0	8.0	22.4
Flax	0.8	1.0	20.7

The above results show that in 10.9% of the wheat samples from Manitoba, and in 4.8% of the Alberta wheat samples, the germination was below 71%. They also show that many Saskatchewan farm seed stocks of oats and barley, 93% and 86% respectively, are germinating poorly this year. It is evident that the most serious seed germination situation exists in Alberta. For instance, in 30.4% of the oat samples, 22.4% of the barley samples, and in 20.7% of the flax samples tested from Alberta farms, the germination fell below the 71% level.

Farmers in the northern districts of Alberta and Saskatchewan would be well advised to have their small-grain seeds tested for germination this year. In fact, it will be necessary for many of them, owing to frost damage, to secure new seed. Fortunately, there are abundant supplies of Registered and Certified seed available this year, and they are moderately priced. Don't take a chance. Plant good seed this spring.

Many farmers are taking advantage of the free seed testing service offered by Line Elevators Farm Service. If you are not too sure about the germinating capacity of your seed, consult your local Line Elevator agent. He can help you with your seed problems.

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## Imperial Oil Boat

petankers carry oil more economically than any other ship now in service, for larger capacity and high speed mean lower operating costs. The "Imperial Alberta" is expected to go into the Persian Gulf trade, bringing Middle Eastern crude oil to Portland, Me., terminus of the Montreal-Portland pipe line, or to Halifax.

The tanker will have a deadweight tonnage of 26,000 tons and a speed of 16 knots. Tanklines will include radar, gyrocompass, direction finder and fathometer.

Exceptionally good accommodation is provided for the crew of 46, with not more than two men to a room, a bathroom for every four, recreation rooms for officers and men and a well-equipped hospital.

The Imperial Alberta will bring the company's fleet to a total of 16 ocean ships and one coastal tanker. In addition, Imperial Oil's marine department operates 17 lake and coastal

vessels.

Including the supertanker, eight new ships have been added to the seven fleet and three to the lake fleet since World War II ended. During the war five lake ships were pressed into the hazardous coastal service but all escaped unscathed. The ocean fleet was not so fortunate. Four ships were lost through enemy action. Three tankers, worn out in arduous service, were scrapped after hostilities ceased.

The supertanker is not the first Imperial ship to bear Alberta's name on the high seas. There were two others. The first was the 11,500 ton Albertadite, built in 1921 and sold in 1928. A year later Imperial bought the Cadco and renamed her Albertadite. This was one of the ships, worn out in service, which was scrapped after the war. She went to the shipbreakers in 1946.

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to submit seed samples to your local agent for FREE TEST for GERMINATION, PURITY and SMUT.

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to prepare for the fight against weeds and insects.

### NOW IS THE TIME

to order reliable chemicals, and efficient spraying and dusting equipment.

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## GOOD SEED PRODUCES . . . A BETTER CROP

This sterling advice is as old as the history of agriculture. Throughout the ages agricultural authorities have noted that to obtain a good crop, good seed must be used. The very best seed obtainable is REGISTERED SEED produced under the stringent rules, regulations and supervision of the Canadian Seed Grower's Association and of the Dominion Plant Products Division. REGISTERED SEED is guaranteed for truthness-to-variety, to be of high germination and to contain the very minimum of impurities.

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